

BOND UPDATE #119

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Here's what's been going on with our bond project during the past week:

1. Work on the FHS campus has continued this past week. I have included some highlights below:
 - a. The new main sewer pipe is 95% installed. It is being laid around the footprint of where the new building will eventually stand.
 - b. Work on the new water main pipe is also nearly finished and should be complete by the end of next week.
 - c. Some utilities are already complete. New gas, electric, data, and communication lines were extended to the service yard on the east side of the new school site. Crews will now be able to reconnect natural gas to the current gym and weight room in time for the new school year.
 - d. Concrete is still being poured for the foundation of the new academic wing, and column footings are being installed where the new gym will sit. Those footings sit on top of the geopiers, which will stabilize the foundation. As of Wednesday, about 1,450 cubic yards of concrete have been poured at the construction site.
 - e. Electrical work inside the building foundation and underneath the slab (that's construction-ese for the building floor) began this week and underground plumbing work continued. Both jobs will take a couple months to finish.
 - f. Crews began installing stormwater storage chambers north of the current gym this week.
2. On Wednesday, district staff held their second regularly scheduled construction meeting with the City of Ferndale, intended to ensure the school district and city stay coordinated and maintain a strong line of communication about the high school project. So far, the two governing bodies are staying in-sync.
3. I have once again included several photos from the Ferndale High School site at the end of this week's update.
4. Cladding repair work at Custer Elementary is still on schedule to be finished before the school year begins on September 1.
5. Crews at North Bellingham and Mountain View are installing new computer controls for the two buildings' heating and ventilation systems – the first two district sites to

receive this upgrade. These new computer HVAC (heating, ventilation and cooling) systems will replace pneumatic systems, which are controlled by air pressure and air sensors, and require staff to walk to the device to tweak anything. The new electronic HVAC system (which will be installed in every school by the end of summer 2022) can be remotely controlled. A maintenance staffer could receive alerts about a faulty motor or adjust a building's temperature from their cell phone at the maintenance shop. The new HVAC systems should be installed at North Bellingham and Mountain View before the first day of school.

6. The Bond Oversight Committee will hold another monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 24, at the typical time and location: 6 p.m. in the Vista Middle School's library.

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

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